

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND URBAN POLICY**

Wednesday, July 13, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building, Lansing

The House Standing Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy was called to order by **Representative John Stakoe**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Donigan and Vagnozzi.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Van Regenmorter and Accavitti.

Representative Tobocman moved to adopt the minutes of the **June 30, 2005** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Nitz**. There being no objection, the motion carried by unanimous consent.

Chairman Stakoe laid **HB 5004** before the committee:

HB 5004 LaJoy Counties; charter; distribution of renewed park millage revenue;
clarify.

TESTIMONY

Representative LaJoy, sponsor of HB 5004, explained his bill to the committee.

Tom Yack, representing Canton County, testified in support of the legislation.

Alan Helmkamp, representing Wayne County, testified in opposition to the legislation.

David Bertram, representing the Michigan Township Association, testified indicating neutrality to the legislation.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, submitted a card indicating opposition to the legislation and did not wish to speak.

Chairman Stakoe stated that the committee would stand at ease, the time being 11:37 a.m.

The committee reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

The committee returned to the consideration of **HB 5004**.

Representative Tobocman moved to adopt the following amendments to **HB 5004**. The motion was supported by **Representative Donigan**.

1. Amend page 1, line 1, after “**SEC. 5A.**” by striking out “**(1)**”.
2. Amend page 2, line 3, by striking out all of subsection (2).

The motion did not prevail by a vote of **3-6-0**.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Tobocman, Donigan and Vagnozzi,

Nays: Representative Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker,

Pass: None.

Representative Tobocman moved to adopt the following amendment to **HB 5004**. The motion was supported by **Representative Donigan**.

1. Amend page 1, line 4, after “**APPORTIONED**” by striking out the balance of the line through “**MORE**” on line 4 of page 2 and inserting “**FOR THE OPERATION OF ONLY PARKS OPERATED AND MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY**”.

The motion did not prevail by a vote of **3-6-0**.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Tobocman, Donigan and Vagnozzi,

Nays: Representative Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker,

Pass: None.

Representative Robertson moved to report **HB 5004** with recommendation. The motion was supported by **Representative Schuitmaker**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **6-3-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representative Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker,

Nays: Representatives Tobocman, Donigan and Vagnozzi,

Pass: None.

Representative Robertson moved to excuse absent members from committee. The motion was supported by **Representative Tobocman**. There being no objection, the motion carried by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Representative John Stakoe, Chairman

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